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## The Name of Jesus:

If ever a name was packed with significance, it is the name *Jesus*. It is arguably the most famous name in the whole world. It is spoken of by believers and non-believers alike. It is spoken in reverence and in disdain. So, it is an easy question for us to ask: WHY is this name so important?

The scripture tells us that because Jesus was willing to be the sacrifice for our salvation, God honored Him with this special name.

Philippians 2:9-11

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God raised him to the highest place and gave him the name above every name;

<sup>10</sup> that in honor of the name given Yeshua, **every knee will bow** — in heaven, on earth and under the earth — <sup>11</sup> **and every tongue will acknowledge** that Yeshua the Messiah is *ADONAI* — to the glory of God the Father.

We can clearly see from this scripture that it's more than just a name. There is power behind this name. But WHY? What makes it different from your name or mine?

Yeshua is the Hebrew name of Jesus. This is what His parents would have called Him.

Ya – first two letters of the special name of God – yod hey vav hey. The first two letters are pronounced “YA”. This is where we get the beginning for the word “Yahweh”, or “Jehovah” in English.

The name *Jesus*, announced to Joseph and Mary through the angels (Matthew 1:21; Luke 1:31), means “**Yahweh saves**” or “**Yahweh is salvation.**” Transliterated from Hebrew and Aramaic, the name is **Yeshua**. This word is a combination of *Ya*, an abbreviation for *Yahweh*, the name of Israel's God (Exodus 3:14); and the verb *Yasha*.

Yasha means: to rescue, to help, to defend; to preserve; to make free; to attain victory; to bring to safety; to heal; to save. All this is found in ONE WORD. This one word is the answer to everything.

Yasha is what we spend our lives seeking whether we realize it or not: safety, help, freedom, victory. All these are SALVATION. In Hebrew, from the word *Yasha* comes the word *salvation*. From *Yasha* comes the Hebrew word *Yeshua*. YESHUA means GOD SAVES. It is a shortened for of JOSHUA or Yehoshua in Hebrew

YESHUE BEN YOSEF would have been Jesus' Hebrew name. BEN being “son of” and YOSEF being his adoptive father's name, Joseph.

Psalms 118:14

<sup>14</sup> *Yah* is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

David taps into something here. *YAH* is in reference to the name of God – “Yahweh”. He – God – has *become* my salvation. David's words are prophetic in that this salvation would one day come in the form of a baby whose name would be *Yeshua*.

The name of YESHUA gives the mission of Jesus' purpose for being born. He will become our rescuer, our salvation, our victory, our help, our healing – He becomes our everything. He is the answer to every need we have. He's not just the King way up above us or just the Creator of the Universe. He is the humble servant who is the answer for every question we have in life.

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The English spelling of the Hebrew *Yeshua* is *Joshua*. But when translated from Hebrew into Koine Greek, the original language of the New Testament, the name *Yeshua* becomes *Iēsous*. In English, *Iēsous* becomes *Jesus*. Thus, *Yeshua* and, correspondingly, *Joshua* and *Jesus* mean "Yahweh saves" or "the Lord is salvation."

The name *Jesus* was quite popular in first-century Judea. For this reason, our Lord was often called "Jesus of Nazareth," distinguishing Him by His childhood home, the town of Nazareth in Galilee (Matthew 21:11; Mark 1:24; Luke 18:37; John 1:45; John 19:19; Acts 2:22). Despite its commonness, the name *Jesus* is remarkably significant. Jesus was sent by God for a particular purpose, and His personal name bears witness to that mission. Just as the *Yeshua/Joshua* in the Old Testament led his people to victory over the Canaanites, the *Yeshua/Jesus* in the New Testament led His people to victory over sin and their spiritual enemies.

Galatians 4:4-5

<sup>4</sup> but when the appointed time arrived, God sent forth his Son. He was born from a woman, born into a culture in which legalistic perversion of the *Torah* was the norm, <sup>5</sup>so that he might redeem those in subjection to this legalism and thus enable us to be made God's sons.

God sent Jesus to save us (John 3:17). The meaning of Jesus' name—"Yahweh saves"—reveals His mission (to save and deliver) and His identity as Savior of the world. At the same time, the commonness of Jesus' name underscores His humanity and humility. The Son of God emptied Himself of His glory to become a humble man (Philippians 2:6–8).

The *Lexham Survey of Theology* eloquently captures this dual significance in the name *Jesus*:

*He was, from one angle, 'just another Joshua,' and yet, in another sense, he was the true Joshua—the one who would live up to the meaning of this name in ways that no others could.*

The name of Jesus is important because of its meaning and because of whom it represents. There is power and authority in the person of Christ Jesus, and, of course, the *person* is designated by the *name*. More so than with other names, we associate the name of Jesus with His distinctive character, quality, and work, as seen in the following biblical truths:

- **Salvation** is found in the name of Jesus alone. "Jesus is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:11–12; see also John 14:6; 20:31; Acts 2:21; Joel 2:32; 1 Corinthians 6:11; 1 John 2:12).
- **Forgiveness** of sins is received through the name of Jesus: "All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name" (Acts 10:43; see also 22:16).
- **Believers are baptized** in the name of Jesus: "Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit'" (Acts 2:38; see also Matthew 28:19; Acts 8:12,15–16; 10:48; 19:5).
- **Healing and miracles** were performed in the name of Jesus: "By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see" (Acts 3:16; see also verses 6–8 and 4:30).
- **Jesus teaches believers to pray in His name**; that is, to pray, in His authority, the type of prayer that He would pray: "And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it" (John 14:13–14; see also 15:16; 16:23–24).

In every way, Jesus lives up to His name. The name *Jesus* reminds us of the power, presence, and purpose of the risen Christ. It assures us that God's gracious intention is to save us. Our Lord Jesus brought God to humanity and now brings humans to God through the salvation He purchased. In the Bible, when people

spoke or acted in the name of Jesus, they did so as the Lord's representatives with His authority. The very life of the believer is to be lived in the name of Jesus (Colossians 3:17) and by doing so bring glory to God: "We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thessalonians 1:12).

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The following list is of names and titles given specifically to our Lord Jesus. The more we study this list, the more we will understand who Jesus really is. How can we help but love Him?

*All Scriptures are taken from the King James Version of the Bible.*

**ADAM:** (1 Corinthians 15:45) And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

**ADVOCATE:** (1 John 2:1) My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

**ALMIGHTY:** (Revelation 1:8) I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

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**AMEN:** (Revelation 3:14) And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

**APOSTLE OF OUR PROFESSION:** (Hebrews 3:1) Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

**ARM OF THE LORD:** (Isaiah 51:9) Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon?

(Isaiah 53:1) Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

**AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH:** (Hebrews 12:2) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**AUTHOR OF ETERNAL SALVATION:** (Hebrews 5:9) And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

**BEGINNING OF CREATION OF GOD:** (Revelation 3:14) And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

**BELOVED SON:** (Matthew 12:18) Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall show judgment to the Gentiles.

**BLESSED AND ONLY POTENTATE:** (1 Timothy 6:15) Which in his times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

**BRANCH:** (Isaiah 4:2) In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.

**BREAD OF LIFE:** (John 6:32) Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

**CAPTAIN OF SALVATION:** (Hebrews 2:10) For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

**CHIEF SHEPHERD:** (1 Peter 5:4) And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

**CHRIST OF GOD:** (Luke 9:20) He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answering said, The Christ of God.

**CONSOLATION OF ISRAEL:** (Luke 2:25) And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

**CORNERSTONE:** (Psalm 118:22) The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

**COUNSELLOR:** (Isaiah 9:6) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

**CREATOR:** (John 1:3) All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

**DAYSPRING:** (Luke 1:78) Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

**DELIVERER:** (Romans 11:26) And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

**DESIRE OF THE NATIONS:** (Haggai 2:7) And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.

**DOOR:** (John 10:7) Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

**ELECT OF GOD:** (Isaiah 42:1) Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

**EVERLASTING FATHER:** (Isaiah 9:6) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

**FAITHFUL WITNESS:** (Revelation 1:5) And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

**FIRST AND LAST:** (Revelation 1:17) And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

**FIRST BEGOTTEN:** (Revelation 1:5) And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

**FORERUNNER:** (Hebrews 6:20) Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

**GLORY OF THE LORD:** (Isaiah 40:5) And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

**GOD:** (Isaiah 40:3) The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**GOD BLESSED:** (Romans 9:5) Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

**GOOD SHEPHERD:** (John 10:11) I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

**GOVERNOR:** (Matthew 2:6) And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

**GREAT HIGH PRIEST:** (Hebrews 4:14) Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

**HEAD OF THE CHURCH:** (Ephesians 1:22) And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

**HEIR OF ALL THINGS:** (Hebrews 1:2) Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

**HOLY CHILD:** (Acts 4:27) For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

**HOLY ONE:** (Acts 3:14) But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

**HOLY ONE OF GOD:** (Mark 1:24) Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

**HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL:** (Isaiah 41:14) Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

**HORN OF SALVATION:** (Luke 1:69) And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

**I AM:** (John 8:58) Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

**IMAGE OF GOD:** (2 Corinthians 4:4) In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

**IMMANUEL:** (Isaiah 7:14) Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

**JEHOVAH:** (Isaiah 26:4) Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:

**JESUS:** (Matthew 1:21) And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

**JESUS OF NAZARETH:** (Matthew 21:11) And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

**JUDGE OF ISRAEL:** (Micah 5:1) Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us: they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.

**THE JUST ONE:** (Acts 7:52) Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which showed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:

**KING:** (Zechariah 9:9) Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

**KING OF THE AGES:** (1 Timothy 1:17) Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**KING OF THE JEWS:** (Matthew 2:2) Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

**KING OF KINGS:** (1 Timothy 6:15) Which in his times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

**KING OF SAINTS:** (Revelation 15:3) And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

**LAWGIVER:** (Isaiah 33:22) For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us.

**LAMB:** (Revelation 13:8) And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

**LAMB OF GOD:** (John 1:29) The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

**LEADER AND COMMANDER:** (Isaiah 55:4) Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

**THE LIFE:** (John 14:6) Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

**LIGHT OF THE WORLD:** (John 8:12) Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

**LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH:** (Revelation 5:5) And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

**LORD OF ALL:** (Acts 10:36) The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

**LORD OF GLORY:** (1 Corinthians 2:8) Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

**LORD OF LORDS:** (1 Timothy 6:15) Which in his times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

**LORD OF OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS:** (Jeremiah 23:6) In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

**MAN OF SORROWS:** (Isaiah 53:3) He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

**MEDIATOR:** (1 Timothy 2:5) For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

**MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT:** (Malachi 3:1) Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

**MESSIAH:** (Daniel 9:25) Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

(John 1:41) He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

**MIGHTY GOD:** (Isaiah 9:6) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

**MIGHTY ONE:** (Isaiah 60:16) Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

**MORNING STAR:** (Revelation 22:16) I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

**NAZARENE:** (Matthew 2:23) And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

**ONLY BEGOTTEN SON:** (John 1:18) No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

**OUR PASSOVER:** (1 Corinthians 5:7) Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

**PRINCE OF LIFE:** (Acts 3:15) And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

**PRINCE OF KINGS:** (Revelation 1:5) And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

**PRINCE OF PEACE:** (Isaiah 9:6) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

**PROPHET:** (Luke 24:19) And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

(Acts 3:22) For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

**REDEEMER:** (Job 19:25) For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

**RESURRECTION AND LIFE:** (John 11:25) Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

**ROCK:** (1 Corinthians 10:4) And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

**ROOT OF DAVID:** (Revelation 22:16) I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

**ROSE OF SHARON:** (Song of Songs 2:1) I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.

**SAVIOR:** (Luke 2:11) For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

**SEED OF WOMAN:** (Genesis 3:15) And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

**SHEPHERD AND BISHOP OF SOULS:** (1 Peter 2:25) For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

**SHILOH:** (Genesis 49:10) The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

**SON OF THE BLESSED:** (Mark 14:61) But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?

**SON OF DAVID:** (Matthew 1:1) The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

**SON OF GOD:** (Matthew 2:15) And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

**SON OF THE HIGHEST:** (Luke 1:32) He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

**SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS:** (Malachi 4:2) But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

**TRUE LIGHT:** (John 1:9) That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

**TRUE VINE:** (John 15:1) I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

**TRUTH:** (John 1:14) And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

**WITNESS:** (Isaiah 55:4) Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

**WORD:** (John 1:1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**WORD OF GOD:** (Revelation 19:13) And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.